



AUG 2 5 2003 E

Robert Greene Sterne Edward J. Kessler Jorge A. Goldstein David K.S. Comwell Robert W. Esmond Tracy-Gene G. Durkin Michael B. Ray Robert E. Sokohl Eric K. Steffe Michael Q. Lee Steven R. Ludwig John M. Covert Linda E. Alcom Robert C. Millonig Lawrence B. Bugaisty Donald J. Featherstone Michael V. Messinger Judith U. Kim Timothy J. Shea, Jr. Patrick E. Garrett Heidi L. Kraus Edward W. Yee Albert L. Fero* Donald R. Banowit Peter A. Jackman Molly A. McCall Jeresa U. Medler Jeffrey S. Weaver Kendrick P. Patterson Vincent L. Capuano Eldora Ellison Floyd Thomas C. Fiala Brian J. Del Buono Virgil Lee Beaston' Kimberly N. Reddick Theodore A. Wood Elizabeth J. Haanes Bruce E. Chalker Joseph S. Ostroff Frank R. Cottingham Christine M. Lhuller Rae Lynn Prengaman Jane Shershenovich Lawrence J. Carroll George S. Bardmesser Daniel A. Klein* Rodney G. Maze Jason D. Elsenberg Michael D. Specht Andrea J. Kamage Tracy L. Muller* Jon E. Wright* LuAnne M. Yuricek*

Registered Patent Agents-Karen R. Markowicz Nancy J. Leith Helene C. Carlson Gaby L. Longsworth Matthew J. Dowd Aaron L. Schwartz Mary B. Tung Katrina Y. Pei Bryan L. Skelton Robert A. Schwartzman Timothy A. Doyle Jennifer R. Mahalingappa

Teresa A. Colella

Jeffrey S. Lundgren Victoria S. Rutherford Eric D. Hayes

Of Counsel Kenneth C. Bass III Evan R. Smith

*Admitted only in Maryland * Admitted only in Virginia • Practice Limited to Federal Agencies

August 25, 2003

WRITER'S DIRECT NUMBER: (202) 772-8525 INTERNET ADDRESS: BRIAND@SKGF.COM

Art Unit 1636

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re:

U.S. Utility Patent Application

Appl. No. 10/058,291; Filed: January 30, 2002

For: Recombinational Cloning Using Engineered Recombination Sites

Inventors: HAl

HARTLEY et al.

Our Ref:

0942.285000I/RWE/BJD/JKM

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
- 2. List of cited references on Form PTO-1449 (7 sheets);
- 3. A copy of each reference cited on Form PTO-1449 (20 documents: AH7, AM9, and AT105-AS111); and
- 4. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox P.L.C.: 1100 New York Avenue, NW: Washington, DC 20005: 202.371.2600 f 202.371.2540: www.skgf.com

Commissioner for Patents August 25, 2003 Page 2

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.

Brian J. Del Buono Attorney for Applicants Registration No. 42,473

RWE/BJD/JKM/acr Enclosures

SKGF_DC1:161341.1